

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the present application as amended herein. In addition to remarks presented below, Applicant requests Examiner to review the arguments presented in Applicant's Appeal Brief and Applicant's Reply Brief. Those documents are intended to be incorporated by reference in these remarks.

Accompanying this Amendment is an Information Disclosure Statement and RCE. Applicant directs the Examiner to the first page of the Form 1449, which identifies several foreign patent references. Applicant notes that while the cited art includes a mobile computing device having a moveable or slider construction, the references on record fail to disclose, among other features, the following limitation (as exemplified by Claim 1):

a set of one or more input mechanisms provided on the second segment, the set of one or more input mechanisms including at least a multi-directional mechanism that is operable to enable the user to enter selection input, including input for selection of displayed data corresponding to any one or more of a menu item, a data entry, or an application;...

Support for this limitation is provided on Page 10 and Page 12 of the Specification. Many benefits for the positioning a multi-directional mechanism are present. For example, as illustrated on Page 7 of the Specification, the housing construction with centrally disposed features promotes one-handed thumb type use of a mobile computing device.

For reasons that include those stated, Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance.

If there are any additional charges, please charge them to Deposit Account No.
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Respectfully submitted,

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